

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Original) A windscreen wiper device comprising an elastic, elongated carrier element, as well as an elongated wiper blade of a flexible material, which can be placed in abutment with a windscreen to be wiped, which wiper blade includes opposing longitudinal grooves on its longitudinal sides, in which grooves spaced-apart longitudinal strips of the carrier element are disposed, wherein neighbouring ends of said longitudinal strips are interconnected by a respective connecting piece, which windscreen wiper device comprises a connecting device for an oscillating wiper arm, characterized in that at least one connecting piece comprises engaging members engaging around the longitudinal strips so that said strips are mounted in grooves formed by said engaging members, wherein said strips and said connecting piece are slidably connected by means of a snap connection.

2. (Original) A windscreen wiper device according to claim 1, wherein the snap connection comprises laterally extending means on said strips.

3. (Original) A windscreen wiper device according to claim 2, wherein said laterally extending means comprise at least one protrusion extending laterally from a longitudinal edge of each strip, said protrusion being located between stops on the connecting piece.

4. (Currently Amended) A windscreen wiper device according to claim 2 ~~or~~ 3, wherein said laterally extending means comprise at least two stops extending laterally from a longitudinal edge of each strip, said stops being located on opposite sides of a protrusion on the

connecting piece.

5. (Currently Amended) A windscreen wiper device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 2 through 4, wherein said laterally extending means extend laterally from the interior longitudinal edge of each strip.

6. (Currently Amended) A windscreen wiper device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 2 through 5, wherein said laterally extending means extend laterally from the exterior longitudinal edge of each strip.

7. (Currently Amended) A windscreen wiper device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 through 6, wherein the engaging members are integral with said connecting piece.

8. (Currently Amended) A windscreen wiper device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 through 7, wherein said connecting piece is provided with an opening at its free end so that the wiper blade can freely slide through said connecting piece.

9. (Currently Amended) A windscreen wiper device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 through 8, wherein a spoiler is provided and wherein an end of said spoiler is mounted in said connecting piece.

10. (Currently Amended) Method for manufacturing a windscreen wiper device

according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 through ~~9~~, wherein opposing longitudinal grooves are formed in the longitudinal sides of an elongate wiper blade of a flexible material, which can be placed in abutment with a windscreen to be wiped, in which grooves longitudinal strips of a carrier element are subsequently fitted in spaced-apart relationship, wherein neighbouring ends of said longitudinal strips are interconnected by a respective connecting piece, wherein a connecting device is provided for an oscillating wiper arm, characterized in that said strips and at least one connecting piece are slidably connected by means of a snap connection, wherein engaging members of said connecting piece engage around the longitudinal strips so that said strips are mounted in grooves formed by said engaging members.